

Notes & News

The Types of *Lamellaria sharonae* WILLETT, 1939 (Gastropoda)

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While going through a large assortment of shells that has been in storage at our home for several years (mostly from the collection of Rubie E. Sharon), we recently came across an important series of West Coast shells, long overlooked because it had never been unwrapped. The shells were in a homemade Riker mount containing three glass-topped pill boxes, each of these holding a pair or more of the probable paratypes of *Lamellaria sharonae* Willett, 1939. A glance through the dusty glass revealed a pencilled notation on the bottom of the Riker mount itself: "Nautilus of April 1939, page 123. *Lamellaria sharoni*" [sic]. Checking this reference we found that the types are in the Los Angeles County Museum (one of these was in alcohol at that time), and "paratypes are in the collections of Mrs. Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Chace." As we purchased Mrs. Sharon's entire collection of shells in 1956, it is probable that these are the above-mentioned paratypes.

We have deposited in museums all eight of the specimens we found, but in so doing we kept two sets intact (with two specimens and four specimens, respectively) rather than disperse all of the shells among eight different repositories, because some of them are subadult specimens. To the best of our knowledge, the entire known series of type specimens of *Lamellaria sharonae* Willett, 1939, is listed here, together with the location of each set:

Los Angeles County Museum:
Holotype LAM 1059
2 Paratypes LAM 1124
LAM 1125

San Diego Natural History Museum (ex Chace Coll.):

2 Paratypes 42'596

United States National Museum:

4 Paratypes 638'944

California Academy of Sciences:

2 Paratypes 12'406

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (replaces paratype lost by fire in 1962):

1 Paratype 03'606

Stanford University Paleontological Type Collection:

1 Paratype 9'514

According to Willett's original description in *The Nautilus* (1939), the Sharon specimens were collected in Anaheim Bay; the Chace specimens he designated as paratypes are from Newport Bay. Willett's spelling ("*sharoni*") was emended by Burch (1946) to the correct form as used here, because the species was named for Mrs. Sharon.

Literature Cited

- Burch, John Q.
1946. Minutes of the Conchol. Club South. Calif. no. 57, p. 1.
Willett, George
1939. Description of a new mollusk from California. *The Nautilus* 52(4): 123-124; pl. 9, figs. 1, 1a, 1b.

1963 Meeting Dates of the American Malacological Union *Pacific Division*

The 16th annual conference of the American Malacological Union, Pacific Division, will once again be held on the beautiful campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara (Goleta). The dates will be June 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1963. Be sure to reserve these dates well in advance, as you will not want to miss this meeting! Well-known collectors from overseas are planning to attend and will share some of their experiences with us.

Further details regarding reservations and program will be announced later.

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